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Turkey Demands that All Write in Latin Script

This Is Part of Widespread Educational Movement, Another Step Toward Development of National Unity.

Turkey has started an educational experiment without precedent in demanding that all of her citizens from the lowest to the highest give up the familiar Arabic script and learn to read and write in Latin characters.

When schools opened this autumn every class began using Latin instead of Arabic letters. During the summer months the newspapers printed daily instructions for study. To facilitate this, one column was printed in Latin script which reads from left to right and the remainder in Arabic script which reads from right to left.

The change has been complete and far reaching. Newspapers, public documents, school books, automobile licenses, shop signs, all written notices are now in Latin characters. Turkish books will be reprinted in the new alphabet as fast as is possible.

Before the schools opened conferences for teachers were held in every district of Turkey that the teachers might be prepared to teach in the Latin script. Courses were given for government employees and for employees of all corporations. Turks who had already learned the Latin alphabet in studying French and English helped to teach their fellow citizens. Deputies during the summer months travelled throughout their districts holding reading and writing lessons in the villages. Mature people who had never learned to read or write are now being taught to do so in the simpler Latin script.

The entire country, people of all ages and of all positions have been studying the same thing at the same time, in itself a tremendous achievement and a powerful factor in developing a feeling of national unity. Mustapha Kemal Pasha has pushed the change with energy and faith in the belief that adoption of the alphabet of the west and education of the people is necessary to the advancement of the nation.

Great steps have been taken in education during the past three years. When Dr. John Dewey completed his survey of elementary schools in Turkey and outlined a plan for a modern advanced elementary school system, there were only 3,000 elementary schools in the country. Today there are 6,000 schools with an enrollment of 2,000,000 out of a population of 12,000,000. Schools are being built as rapidly as possible in the villages of the interior. The problem facing Nedjati Bey, Minister of Public Instruction, is to secure teachers for the schools that are built.

Young men and women are being urged to prepare themselves for teaching as a great service to their country. Normal schools are being established to give special training to teachers and free training at these schools as well as a living allowance is offered to young women who will agree to teach for three years. This means being sent into the small villages and has little appeal to girls who would rather work in the cities but every inducement is offered to urge this almost civic and social service in the effort to establish schools in all parts of the interior.

The country has awakened to the need of education so that children are waiting and eager to go to school. The question so far is not one of compulsory education but rather one of providing opportunities for education to the children.

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A. A. U. W. Holds Its Christmas Banquet

The Maryville branch of the American Association of University Women, to which most of the women members of the faculty belong, held its annual Christmas banquet, at Smart's, Saturday evening at six-forty-five.

The tables were gay with decorated Christmas trees, red candles—big ones at each end of the table and little ones as place-cards—poisettines, and brightly wrapped packages for each guest.

The program was informal, with Mrs. Chas. Price acting as toastmistress. "Aunt Het" was there with her philosophy and spoke. Two little French girls, who made themselves understood by "parley-vousing" in French, English, and sign language, made amusing rhymes about everybody present. The evening's entertainment closed with a song, led by Mrs. Carrie Margaret Caldwell.

Birthday Party Is Given Primary Room

Mrs. C. H. Withington gave a birthday party Friday, December 14, in the Primary Rooms, in honor of the birthdays of Anna Belle and Charlotte Withington. The party was a surprise for the rest of the room.

Two cakes, one with seven candles, the other with eight, were placed on a table in front of the room. Each of the girls lighted the candles on her own cake. Miss Millikan sat at the table and cut the cakes.

Mrs. Withington, assisted by Mrs. Roy Kinnaird, served Eskimo pies and hot chocolate to the group.

Seniors Are Host to Other Classes in H. S. Party

College High School Seniors Entertain the Other High School Classes With a Christmas Party.

The Senior Class of the High School Department of the College entertained the other classes of the high school with a Christmas Party, Wednesday afternoon, December 19, from 2:20 to 4:20 in room 122.

A program was given as follows: Reading by Lester Hall; Story, "The Birth of Christ" by Nettie Mae Rogers; Song, "Our Gifts We Bring" by Eldora Nichols; Reading by Wilbur Heekin; and Songs by the high school.

After the program Santa Claus arrived with gifts for the group. Letters to Santa Claus were read and the various writers were given their presents. Group games were played.

Additional guests were the sponsors of each class and Mr. and Mrs. Dietrich. Refreshments consisting of pop corn and candy were served.

Committees in charge of the entertainment were: games, Elsie Rogers and Ina Maude Carr; refreshments, Eunice Suetterlin and Mildred Williams; Decoration, William Heekin, Golda Birkenholtz, Gusta Vert and Carl Winell. Chilton Ross, business sponsor and Ruth England, social sponsor of the Senior Class, helped with the party.

Student Expenses Have Increased

The cost of maintaining a pupil in public school is more than two and a half times as great today as it was fifteen years ago, according to the Department of the Interior. Back in 1913 the cost of schools, divided by the number of pupils actually attending, showed that \$38.31 annually should be charged against each of them. In 1916 the figure had grown to \$49.12, in 1920 to \$64.16, in 1925 to \$98.45, while the latest figure available shows an expenditure per student of \$102.05.

The expenditures for public schools have almost doubled since 1920. Annual expenditures for grounds, buildings, and contents increased rapidly from 1920 to 1925 when they reached the huge figure of \$433,000,000. The year following there was a decrease of \$22,000,000 spent for those purposes which was taken as an indication that construction had overtaken the shortage caused by the war. The Bureau of Education believes that the increase in school expenditures may be charged up to two main accounts—decreasing purchasing power of the dollar, and the improved school facilities being generally provided.

—Educational Press, Bulletin.

TOWER QUEENS CHOSEN

The class queens for the College yearbook have been chosen. Shariene Qualls, daughter of Mr. J. W. Qualls of Maryville is queen of the Senior class. The Junior class elected Pauline Andrews, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Albert Andrews, of Worth. Marjorie Brown, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. W. G. Brown, of Brunswick, is Sophomore queen. Geraldine Hunt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. V. O. Hunt, of Ravenwood, is queen of the Freshman class. Each class queen will have a full page picture in the 1929 "Tower."

Wins Letter at University

Robert Appleman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Appleman of Skidmore, was one of six lettermen to receive a sweater, as recognition of active participation in the cross-country run at the University of Missouri.

Mr. Appleman is the brother of Mary Appleman, a student of the College.



Merry Christmas! Happy New Year!

SOPHOMORES PLAN PARTY

The Sophomores have taken January 11 as the date of their class party. Committees will be appointed soon after the Christmas vacation is over and every sophomore is requested to be at the class meetings. The party will be held in Social Hall of the College—the two large rooms next to Miss Barnard's office. An orchestra has been obtained for the party.

The Bearcats Growl As New Season Opens

The Shenandoah Semi-Pro basketball team composed of former stars of several Iowa colleges came to Maryville Tuesday night, December 18 and fell before the onslaught of fourteen hungry "Bearcats" in the first game of the season. The final score was 35-12.

Coach "Shorty" Lawrence put in his Freshman team to start the game, Herman Fischer and "Sparky" Staleup at forward, Walter Dowell, center, and Clarence Iba and Robert Dowell, guards. Maryville scored first when Iba got the ball in the enemies territory and beat Shenandoah's guards to the basket. Bob Dowell tapped in another a little later. Staleup got under the basket and missed a pretty set-up. There was a flash of pretty passing at this stage of the game. Maryville's guards were out of their territory and Shenandoah passed behind them for their first basket.

McKee of Pickering was sent in for Staleup. He was the first letterman on the floor. Both teams were passing wildly. Iba finally connected for a goal, then W. Dowell, then Iba again, then Fischer and W. Dowell. The "old horses" came on the scene at this point, Burks and Howard Iba at guard, Crane at center and Ungles and McKee forwards. McKee tossed a free throw and Howard Iba a field goal before the half.

The line-up at the beginning of the last half was Burks and I. Iba, guards; Crane, center; and Fischer and Ungles, forwards. Burks hit the loop for two points, followed by Ungles and then Burks repeated. McKee and Hodge went in at guard and Staleup at center, Duse and Davison forwards. Duse made one and Davison tallied another. The Dowell brothers and C. Iba went back in. W. Dowell made two in succession and Crane added another. I. Iba and Burks were in again. Burks scored a goal. Bill Meek went in near the close of the game. Hugh Graham officiated as referee.

Orville Hedges, star forward, was unable to play on account of not having sufficiently recovered from an attack of the flu.

Lynn Mahan, who attended school here at the College last year, was visiting in Maryville and at the College Tuesday of this week. He is attending Missouri University this year.

Miss Minnie B. James, who is working toward her Master's Degree, at Greeley, Colorado, will spend the Christmas holidays at her home in Cameron.

Miss Fisher was absent from classes Friday afternoon on account of illness.

Christmas Then and Now

Biblical history, or tradition if you will, has given us the story of the Three Wise Men who came out of the East, guided by the unknown star, bearing greetings of good will to Mary and Joseph and rich presents which they laid at the feet of Jesus.

From this simple story, nearly two thousand years old, have sprung the customs of Christmas. Nothing in all history has ever gripped the imagination of the human race as this act of faith and devotion. The spirit of Christmas has penetrated Christian civilization, and for one day at least in each year, a truce is made with hatred and all evil thought—and man becomes imbued with the spirit which is of Christ.

It is a good custom, it is good for each of us, it is good for all of us. But do you know the story of The Other Wise Man? It is not written in the Bible, but comes from a very ancient source. It is full of pathos and sorrow, but it is true also of so many lives.

He was late in starting upon his journey, and never found the Christ. Though he travelled all his life seeking Him he was always delayed, doing some act of compassion or kindness. His was not the joy of realization, only the satisfaction of duty performed; his life was not spectacular, it was not made known to the world as were the lives of those who reached their goal; but he plodded on his way.

I suppose all lives are more or less like that of The Other Wise Man. And while I send you all my Christmas greetings and good cheer, my special thought this year is for those of us whose lives have been in whole or in part as the life of that fourth pilgrim who set out for Bethlehem but did not arrive in time.

It is my wish that the glow of Christmas may radiate cheer to those just as the Star of Bethlehem brought good tidings to the Three Wise Men who were more fortunate in fulfilling their purpose and reached their goal.

The Kalends

Dormitory Girls Throw Big Party

The Residence Hall girls held their annual Christmas party on Monday night, December 17, at ten o'clock in the parlor of the College Dormitory.

The room was dimly lighted by the large Christmas tree which stood in one corner of the room. Presents were banked against the tree and were lying on the floor around it.

The house took on a holiday spirit when all of the girls joined in singing Christmas carols as they sat about on the floor before the large fireplace. The girls had drawn names and brought their presents when they came to the party. Much merriment was made when the gifts were distributed. The refreshments were in keeping with the holiday spirit.

MISS HELWIG TO SPEAK

Miss Helwig, who was to speak at a meeting of the Andrew County teachers at Savannah Saturday, December 8, was informed by Mr. Jenkins, Superintendent of Schools of Andrew County that the meeting had been postponed until the week immediately preceding or following the Christmas holidays. "Problem Solving in Arithmetic" is to be the subject on which Miss Helwig will speak, when the meeting is held.

Miss Painter Tells of Old Universities

(Concluded from last week)

You would hardly care to hear a detailed resume of the truly exciting history of the University of Paris. It is enough to say that it is supposed to be one of the very oldest and largest in Europe, and that it has suffered extremes of fortune in its eight hundred years of definite history. There is no more romantic part of its story than that which tells of Abelard in the early part of the twelfth century sitting on a bundle of straw on the slope of Saint Genevieve lecturing to students gathered from all over Europe. Abelard was a scholar of unusual intellectual independence. He started that tradition of fearlessness of teaching and of independence of thinking, which has characterized this university.

Some authorities say that the real founder of the modern university was Robert de Sorbon, who established the Academie de Paris in the thirteenth century. It seems that students then were not so different from students now. Compayre tells of the rules for study laid down by Robert de Sorbon, and of how he "found fault with the intellectual habits of the students of his time who thought they had done all they could when they had filled their copybooks with notes." "Not to seem as if they had lost their time," he said, "they collect leaves of parchment, make thick volumes of them with plenty of blank spaces on the inside, and bind them elegantly in red leather; then they return to the paternal mansion with a bag crammed full of science but with a mind completely empty."

It was the center of the educated world in the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries, but in later centuries it did not flourish so much. Everything was brought to an end by the Revolution in 1793 or 1795. In 1808 Napoleon reorganized the Academie as a part of the University of Paris, which is the head university of those which make up the University of France. The University of Paris now has four principal faculties: those of Law, Letters and Science (including Philosophy), Medicine and Pharmacy. In addition there is the College de France, which is purely a research institution, the School of Living Oriental Languages, the Ecole Normale Supérieure, and a long list of affiliated faculties. The Sorbonne includes only the faculty of Letters and Science. The present building, which was constructed between 1884 and 1900 at the cost of \$7,000,000, is a kind of art gallery filled with elaborate mural paintings and impressive monuments.

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Mr. Lamkin Now on N. E. A. Tour

President Lamkin left Thursday, December 13, for California, where he will be the speaker at two meetings of the California State Teachers' College Association.

On December 17 and 18, President Lamkin was in San Francisco for the Bay Section Meeting of the Association, and in Los Angeles December 19 and 20 for the Southern California Section session.

He will stop at Hays, Kansas, on the return trip where he will visit the State Teachers' College of that place. He intends to return to Maryville about December 23.

Music Department Presents Annual Holiday Program

The Choral Club and Glee Club Gives Splendid Program Under the Direction of Mr. Gardner—Accompanied by Mr. Holdridge.

The annual Christmas program was given by the College Choral Club and Mens' Glee Club, at the College Auditorium, on Wednesday morning, December 19 at 11:00 o'clock.

The program was as follows: Mark! the Herald Angels Sing—Mendelssohn—Choral Club.

Scripture Prayer Silent Night—Miss Dvorak and Choral Club.

A new Heaven and a New Earth—Gaul—Pachelbel Monks and Choral Club.

Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones—Traditional Melody—Men's Glee Club.

Gesu Bambino—Lon—Miss Ruth Lawrence.

Sanctus—Gounod—Choral Club.

Nazareth—Gounod—Mr. Fisher.

Cantique de Noel—Adam—Choral Club.

Mr. Charles R. Gardner conducted the choral and glee club with Mr. Holdridge as the accompanist.

At the close of the program the entire student body of the College was dismissed for the Christmas holidays.

Alpha Sigs Initiate Several New Members

The initiation of the Alpha Sigma Alpha sorority was held at the sorority house on Friday, December 14, at five o'clock. The girls who were initiated were: Thesis Norwine, Isabelle McDaniels, Wilma Hooper, Mary Mansfield, Betty Seoleman and Irene Smith.

Following the initiation was a banquet held at the Yehle Tea Room in honor of the new members. The banquet consisted of fruit cocktail, breaded tenderloin steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, perfection salad, clover leaf rolls, cherry sherbert, coffee, and cake mints.

Following the banquet the program was given as follows: Toastmistress, Gertrude Wray, Toast of Welcome to new members by Karol Oliphant, Responses, Mary Mansfield; Sorority Standards, Miss Criswell, Patronesses toast, Mrs. R. C. Person, Toast from old member, Hildred Fitz, and the singing by all, of the sorority song.

The guests included Miss Criswell, social advisor; Mrs. Robert Mountjoy, Gertrude Wray, Karol Oliphant, Louise Smith, Evelyn Evans, Marjorie Brown, Hildred Fitz, Norone White, Juanita Marsh, Mary Lee Peek, Wilma Hooper, Mary Mansfield, Irene Smith, Betty Seoleman, Isabelle McDaniels, Thesis Norwine, Alyce Hastings, Mary Elizabeth Jones and Ruth Lawrence.

OLD STUDENTS BACK

Many former students of the College, who are now attending some other institution, are back to spend the holidays at home. Some of the old grads attended the basketball game Tuesday night at the gymnasium.

Among those who were visiting the College are: Cleo Wyman, B. S. '26, a student at the University of Missouri; Floyd Cook, B. S., student at the University of Missouri; Eva Margaret Frank, Esther Roseberry, Lynn Mahan, K. O. Cummins, and Kenneth Evans, all attending the University of Missouri.

Many others are expected home for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. Glenn Anderson, with his wife and brother, Chester, drove to Guilford Thursday, December 13 to attend the funeral of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Mary Anderson. The funeral was held on the morning of Saturday, December 15, at 10 o'clock.

New Dictionary Acquired by the College Library

The Finest English Dictionary of the World Is Acquired by the College at a Cost of \$460.

The Oxford English Dictionary, publication of which began in 1884, is now completed, and the concluding section, Wise-Wyzen, was published in April 1928. The College has recently bought a set of these dictionaries and has placed them in the library for the use of the students. This set of books is composed of 20 half-volumes in half-morocco and cost approximately four hundred and sixty dollars.

The Dictionary, in 1897, was dedicated to Her Majesty, Queen Victoria. It is now, by His Majesty's gracious permission, presented on its completion to King George the Fifth.

The superiority of the Dictionary to all other English Dictionaries, in accuracy and completeness, is everywhere admitted. The Oxford Dictionary is the supreme authority, and without a rival. It is perhaps less generally appreciated, that which makes the Dictionary unique is its historical method; it is a Dictionary not of our English, but of all English: the English of Chaucer, of the Bible, and of Shakespeare is unfolded in it with the same wealth of illustration as is devoted to the most modern authors. When considered in this light, the fact that the first part of the Dictionary was published in 1884 is seen to be relatively unimportant; 44 years is a small period in the life of a language. It is, however, obviously desirable that aeroplane and appendicitis should receive due recognition. A supplement is accordingly in preparation, the main object of which will be to include words which were born too late for inclusion. Copies of the supplement will be offered free to all holders of the complete Dictionary.

The material of the dictionary we owe, in the main, to the unremunerated labors of the members of the Philological Society and its army of volunteer readers. The cost of the conversion of this and much more material into the Dictionary itself, and the cost of manufacture, has been borne by the Oxford University Press. (The outlay has been put at 300,000 pounds in English money). To this statement there is one exception. The Worshipful Company of Goldsmiths in 1905 contributed 5,000 pounds towards the cost of the sixth volume.

The conclusion of this enormous work was suitably celebrated on June 6, 1928, at a dinner given by the Prime Minister and Warden of the Goldsmiths' Company.

Perhaps the reader would like to know more in detail, some of the hardships and disillusionments which are always in the path of the editor of such a monstrous work. There was no suspicion at the outset that the undertaking was to be so vast. By the original resolution the task of preparing the new dictionary was entrusted to two committees, and Messrs. Coleridge and Furnivall were empowered to negotiate for its publication. Coleridge was subsequently, in November 1859, appointed editor, and on the 30th of May, 1860, was sanguine enough to write: "I believe that the scheme is now firmly established, . . . and I confidently expect . . . that in about two years we shall be able to give the first number to the world. Indeed, were it not for the dilatoriness of many contributors, I should not hesitate to name an earlier date."

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Noon Dance Proves to Be Big Success

The first of a series of noon dances to be held by the College during the winter term was held last Thursday in Social Hall. The occasion lasted for forty-five minutes, beginning at twelve thirty.

The floor committee consisted of Kenneth Greeson and Cecil Young, who very ably did their part in making the occasion a success. Music for the dance was played by Pauline Andrews on the piano.

About thirty couples took part in the entertainment offered for the entire student body, with almost as many observers. Miss Barnard, Dean of Women, acted as chaperone.

The noon dances are to be a bi-monthly feature of the winter term, and every member of the student body is urged to attend and take part in the morning of Saturday, December 15, then.

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"We will never bring disgrace to this, our College by any act of cowardice or dishonesty. We will fight for the ideals and sacred things of the College. We will respect and obey the College laws and do our best to incite a like respect and reverence in others. We will transmit this College to those who come after us, greater, better and more beautiful than it was transmitted to us."

THE FIRST NOEL

The first Noel the angel did say
Was to three poor shepherds in the fields as they lay,
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
In a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
Born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the East beyond their far,
And to earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
Born is the King of Israel.

And by the light of that same star
Three Wise Men came from country far;
To seek for a King was their intent,
And to follow the star wherever it went.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
Born is the King of Israel.

The star drew nigh to the North-West,
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest,
And there it did both stop and stay
Right over the place where Jesus lay.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
Born is the King of Israel.

Then entered in those Wise Men three
Most reverently upon their knee,
And offered there in his presence
Both gold and myrrh and frankincense.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
Born is the King of Israel.

Between an ox-stall and an ass
This Child truly there born He was;
For want of clothing they did Him lay
All in the manger, among the hay.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
Born is the King of Israel.

Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord,
That hath made heaven and earth of nought,
And with His blood mankind has brought.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
Born is the King of Israel.

If we in our time shall do well,
We shall be free from death and hell;
For God has prepared for us all
A resting place in general.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
Born is the King of Israel.

—Traditional.

Miss Painter Tells of Old Universities

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The great marble staircase and long lofty halls give one a sense of space and grandeur filled with a brooding quietude. At one end of the long inner court or cloister stands the old Eglise de la Sorbonne, a beautiful chapel of the time of Cardinal Richelieu. Mass is not sung before the altar under the high dome in these days of republicanism France. Rare academic meetings occur there and concerts of choral music. The chapel is no longer a central fact in university life and organization.

Matriculation at the Sorbonne is permitted on very easy terms, but inscription is another matter, for that means that the student is aspiring to some higher degree. He must have the Bachelor of Arts degree, which is granted by the universities to those students who have finished the lycees by passing the examinations given by the universities.

School System of France.

The whole school system in France is under the Minister of Public Instruction from the école maternelle to the university. Between these two extremes are the primary schools, the secondary schools, great numbers of normal schools, trade schools, technical schools, military schools and other

schools. A student may go directly from the primary school to the trade schools and technical schools, but to enter the university, he must go thru the lycee.

Now the lycee has a hard and fast curriculum which packs into four years the solid studies covered in the eight years of an American high school and college. The student at the lycee has a long, steady school year with brief vacation time. Thursday and Sunday are his holidays as for all French school children. (They do not yet have the week-end habit in France. They call it la semaine anglaise.) He carries seven studies much of the time, such subjects as Greek, Latin, modern languages, French literature, history, mathematics, science, and philosophy. He has no time to idle away. If at the end of the school year he fails in any one of this six or eight subjects, he has to take them all again. At the end of four years he comes up for the bachelier examinations, which are given by the universities as has already been remarked.

With an A. B. degree a student may inscribe in the university, but it is not an easy task to earn another degree. Examinations are long, serious affairs under the Faculty of Letters. For the Licence-es-Lettres, the examinations, which come at the end of three or four years of study, go on day after day for the whole of a month. To those students who honorably survive these and other even more severe ordeals is awarded the coveted degree and the right to wear the blue silk toga lined with gold and to be crowned with the laurel wreath.

A professor at the Sorbonne gives lectures, holds seminars and conferences, and is accessible by appointment. For most part his relations with students are very distant and formal. The class assembles before the hour. The one who comes after the doors are closed can sympathize with the Foolish Virgins in the old parable. The attendant or usher enters to see that the ventilation is right and the lighting sufficient. The students have already written their names in his book in the hall before taking their places. When the bell rings he ushers in the professor, sees him settled, and departs definitely closing the doors behind him. The professor is always dressed in formal morning costume—high stiff collar and dark cut-away coat. He remains seated behind the ample desk during the lecture, within reach of the inevitable bottle of water and glass tumbler. The bottle of water must be of long tradition and remains for effect. I never saw it used.

Professors are engaged by the university to lecture. If students do not appear it does not much matter. A friend tells of an absent-minded professor at the Sorbonne a generation ago, who delivered a whole course of lectures to one person only. At the end of the course of lectures the professor thanked his audience for his faithful interest and attendance, and then the man avowed that he was only the professor's coachman waiting to take him home.

The French professors are noted for the fine organization of their material, and for their excellent clarity of presentation. They are detailed and thorough, for there is no hurry. Professor Cestre, who gives a course on contemporary American poetry, lectured on the poetry of only one American the year I was there; the year before it was another poet, and each year since a different one. In the graduate school of an American university the professor will "do up" the whole crowd of contemporary poets in one summer school.

Every year the Sorbonne (and also the College de France) gives a great number of Cours Publics, sometimes as many as forty. This means that many professors are giving a lecture every week to which not only students are admitted, but the public may attend free of charge. No professor may give one of these lectures twice. That is the rule of the university. Every course so given, every lecture, must represent a fresh piece of scholarship. The courses offer a wide range of subject matter: Psychology, the Development of Reason; Abraham Lincoln, Idealist and Statesman; the Chinese Family; Greco-Roman Egypt; Elements of the Hebrew; Language; Evolution of the Philosophy of Contemporary Physics; History of Japanese Lyric Poetry; Music in Venice in the Eighteenth Century, and so on to the fortieth title. In the course of years one could get a certain sort of education by attending these lectures, and all without expense except that of one's own intellectual effort, which is, after all, too heavy an expense for many people.

Typical Parisian Student.

What about the typical university man at Paris? Of course one sees him in the halls, in the cloister, in the lecture rooms. Hundreds of him walk along Boulevard Saint Michel, or haunt the convenient Luxembourg Gardens. He can be found in the tea-rooms and in the cafes. Perhaps he is not always so well dressed as he was before the war, but even then there were two sorts: one correct and elegant, and the other on the verge of shabbiness. In those old days before the war it was not permitted young men to engage in

any sort of work to help pay their expenses while they were attending the university. The sad poverty of these late years has changed all that. Now efforts are being made to arrange means for young men to earn and study at the same time. A university city is in the process of construction on the outskirts of Paris, where students may be housed very comfortably and cheaply. Each nation is building its own house. Those of England and Belgium have already been completed. Ambassador Herriek laid the corner stone for the American house this fall. This new city suggests the old nations by which the university was once governed.

Among the eighteen or twenty thousand and young men who attend the university proper each year, (there are more than three thousand women in addition), one might expect to find all the types and most of the nationalities. In fact the population of the Latin Quarter is so various that it is useless to try to sort it. To be sure one cannot miss the Englishman or the Japanese, for the Englishman never swerves from his devotion to his London tailor, and no tailor can entirely transform a Japanese.

No student population has ever been so written up as that of the Latin Quarter of Paris. Cheap fiction has thrown some strangely oblique lights upon what is colorful and exciting enough. It is hard to know the real truth of it. The visiting foreigner never truly sees a fraction of what he supposes he sees, and of that which he supposes he sees a far smaller fraction is truly representative. I saw only well-behaved young men and some young women sitting or walking in the Luxembourg Gardens, that paradise of students and nurse maids. The private walks of Marie de Medici now belong to everybody, and all those fair queens along the avenues look down upon the crowds or over their heads with the same fixed, distant, unimproving air. Conspicuous among the strollers in the garden are those who affect long hair, soft felt hats, rolling collars, flowing ties, and velvet jackets. They are dressed for the most part and remain conscious of their pose of Bohemianism. Their studied carelessness of manner and superior air of disillusioned cynicism are unutterably comic. Prick the bubble of a poseur and what does one have?

Occasionally there are student dem-

onstrations that are not really riots. In the Place de la Sorbonne and along Boulevard Saint Michel there is a grand fete on Mardi Gras with masquerading and whatnot after an old, old custom.

In those more carefree days before the war it was the custom among certain groups of young men who were intimate friends to vie with each other in hunting out strange experiences during the vacation from July to November. The idea was to do some fantastic, absurd, unheard-of thing for the pleasure of telling of it later and of surpassing other young men in extravagance. My friend tells of how they came upon one of these adventures once in the south of France, who was travelling as a showman. He had a big, black negro in charge, about whom he made up the most bloodcurdling tales, and whom he offered as a savage, fresh from the jungles. In the provinces then a negro was more than a rarity. The truth of the matter was that the fierce exhibit was a very harmless, scared negro from Kentucky, U. S. A., who had never seen the African jungles.

Such freakishness is rather more engaging than the eternal dueling of the pre-war German students. In both countries now much of the enthusiasm of youth is pouring itself into very serious channels. The field of scientific research becomes more and more exciting. Young Europe has too many pressing problems weighing it down to find much play time. Effort and time are precious.

There is one thing worth repeating from my rambling comments on schools and that is the rule at the Sorbonne that each formal lecture is to represent a new piece of scholarship. Think of Madame Curie alternating between her laboratory and lecture room in patient study and teaching. She is a great scholar. At all truly great universities there is greatness because earnest teachers practice what was meant when Loup de Ferriers said to Charles the Bold more than a thousand years ago: "I desire to teach what I have learned and am daily learning." Or as Gerbert, who resembled Lupus meant when he said in the eleventh century: "Proinde in otio in negotio et docemus quod scimus et addiscimus quod nescimus." That is the university spirit; it is the spirit of all great learning and of all true teaching.

Turkey Demands That All Write in Latin Script

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Children who are clamoring to go to school. This desire for education has been enhanced by the building of railroads which give remote villages a connection with the outside world and open up possibilities for markets such as have never before prevailed. The feeling of national unity which has resulted from the geographical limitation of Turkey and the cutting off of unsympathetic races which were a burden and a handicap has roused the entire country to throw off a lethargy of centuries, to become modern and to advance by means of education. The government has extended education into the fields of better housing and has built in Angora model houses for incomes of varying amounts. Peasants from long distances travel to Angora to view these houses, to go home and copy some or all of their features.

The American colleges in Turkey are necessarily playing an important part in this movement. The Woman's College particularly through its social service and physical education departments, Robert College through its engineering courses, and International College

through its courses in agriculture are training students to be leaders in the modernization of their country, to put to practice their modern scientific training and along with it to interpret the ideals of western civilization.

In a College Town?

"Hey, what's the commotion?"
"The village picture show just burned down."
"You don't say! How many were inside?"
"A hundred college students."
"Well?"
"They refunded the money."
"Yes, yes, go on."
"Three hundred got their money back."

"I guess I've lost another pupil," said the professor as his glass eye rolled down the kitchen sink.

(With Apology to Longfellow)
Shoes we see must oft remind us
We can set a pace sublime,
And in walking leave behind us
"Footprints on the sands of time."

"Footprints that perhaps another,"
Hobbling 'round in sullen pain,
Some forlorn and foot-sore sister
Seeing, may take heart again.

Sunday School Teacher: Who defeated the Philistines?
Co-ed (yawning): I don't know a thing about baseball.



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Why not induce Santa to bring something useful to the members of the family this year. And what could be more useful than a good pair of oxfords or shoes?

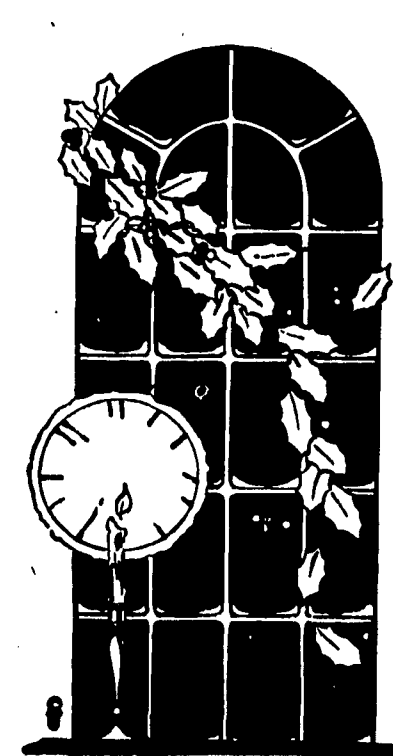
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To Greet You this Christmastide and Wish You Happiness Throughout the New Year

Why not hurry back and join our New Year's Midnight Party? Big time vaudeville! You are always welcome! Remember "WINGS," January 7-8-9.



Christmas Baked Goods

Whatever baked goods you are planning to serve with your Christmas dinner, you will find us well able to supply. Many special Christmas cakes and cookies await your choice. Prompt delivery of any orders you may wish to phone to

Reuillard's Bakery

Social Science Club Elects New Administration

Irma Geyer Is Elected President of Social Science Club—New Members Were Also Chosen for the Club.

Irma Geyer has been elected president of the Social Science Club of the College for the winter term. Other new officers of the organization are as follows: Mildred Cook, vice-president; Lulu Eychaner, secretary, and Mrs. L. S. Doughty, treasurer. The officers were chosen at a meeting Thursday, December 13.

A program committee, composed of T. H. Cook, College instructor, Irma Geyer and Lulu Eychaner, was named to serve during the winter quarter. A committee, made up of Dr. H. G. Dine, instructor at the College, Irma Geyer and Lulu Eychaner, was selected to meet with a like committee from the Pi Gamma Mu to settle the matter of dues of both organizations. Mildred Cook was named reporter.

The club voted a sum of \$10 for a page in the Tower, the College year-book.

The following students have been elected to membership in the club: Jennie Amthor, Nellie Harrold, Wiley Poleson, Opal Hantz, Sarrah Davis, Marion Nicholson, Rebecca Boyd, Grace Horn and Sharlene Qualls.

The old members of the organization who are attending the College this term are as follows: Irma Geyer, Kathleen Jones, Jenn Freeland, Laura Gaebler, Mildred Cook, Mrs. L. S. Doughty, Lulu Eychaner and Sam D. Baker.

The next meeting of the club will be held on Thursday evening, January 10, 1929.

A little girl was put in an upper berth of a Pullman sleeping car for the first time. She kept crying till her mother told her not to be afraid, because God would watch over her.

"Mother, you there?" she cried.

"Yes."

"Father, you there?"

"Yes."

A fellow-passenger lost all patience at this point and shouted: "We're all here! Your father and mother and brothers and sisters and aunts and uncles and cousins. All here; now go to sleep."

A pause; then, very softly, "Mama!"

"Well?"

"Was that God?"

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Princeton, Temple, Columbia, Muhlenberg and other college teams debating such questions as "The best life is a public life," and "The United States should enter the League of Nations."

This is the first time that the United States has been invaded by a team of women debaters from English Colleges. The members of this team are: Miss Nancy Samuel of Somerville College, Oxford; Miss Margery Sharp of Bedford College, London; and Miss Lenora W. Lockhart of Girton College, Cambridge. Miss Samuel is a daughter of Sir Herbert Samuel, former High Commissioner for Palestine. This British team defeated George Washington University on the affirmative side of the question: "Resolved that psychology is undermining morality."

—Christian Association.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

I will honor Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all the year.—Dickens

Any Christian spirit working kindly in its little sphere, whatever it may be, will find its mortal life too short for its vast means of usefulness.—Dickens.

Encircled by the social thoughts of Christmas time, still let the benignant figure of my childhood stand unchanged! In every cheerful image and suggestion that the season brings, may the bright star that rested above the poor roof, be the star of all the Christian world.—Dickens.

It is a fair, even-handed noble adjustment of things, that while there is infection in disease and sorrow, there is nothing in the world so irresistibly contagious as laughter and good humor.—Dickens.

Christmas time! That man must be a misanthrope indeed, in whose breast something like a jovial feeling is not roused—in whose mind some pleasant associations are not awakened—by the annual recurrence of Christmas.—Dickens.

Christmas comes but once a year—which is unhappily too true, for when it begins to stay with us the whole year round, we shall make this earth a very different place.—Dickens.

Going through the woods, the softness of my tread upon the mossy ground and among the brown leaves, enhanced the Christmas sacredness by which I felt surrounded. As the whitened stems environed me, I thought how the Founder of the time had never raised His benignant hand, save to bless and heal, except in the case of one unconscious tree.—Dickens.

He looked so irresistibly pleasant, in a word, that three or four good humored fellows said, "Good morning, sir, a merry Christmas to you!" and Scrooge said often afterwards that of all the blithe sounds he had ever heard those were the blithest in his ears.—Dickens.

It was always said of him that he knew how to keep Christmas well, if any man alive possessed the knowledge. May that be truly said of us, and all of us. And so as Tiny Tim observed, God bless us every one!—Dickens.

Helen McMahon of Skidmore visited in Maryville, Monday and Tuesday of this week. She is a former student of S. T. C. and a Sigma Sigma Sigma. This winter she is in Missouri University.

First Aid!

"Have you given him anything or done anything to relieve him?" asked the young doctor, who had fared far into the backwoods to see a patient in the dead of a stormy night.

"Well, no, doc—that is to say, nothing" to speak of," said the wife of the patient. "I had him soak his feet in almost b'illin' water with a lot of mustard in it, and I clapped a red-hot plaster on his back, and another one on his chest, and I've got a couple of blisters I had in the house under his arms, and a bag o' crucked ice on the back of his neck, and I had him drink a pint o' ginger tea with a dash o' rum in it, just as hot as he could swallow it, and I folloed that with some yarb bitters one of the neighbors sent over, and I had him take five of six pills out of a box I got one day from a man that come along with medicine to sell, and he's had three or four spoons o' Quaker's pain-killer and one o' these sidleitz powders, but I didn't feel like as if I ort to give him much o' anything, or try to do much for him, until you come an' see what you think ailed him."

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College High School Wins from Guilford

The negative debating team of the College High School composed of Leona Mae Shell and Lester Hall won a unanimous decision over the Guilford team, Tuesday afternoon, December 18. The question for argument was "Resolved that the English Cabinet System of Government is more efficient in England than the American Committee System is in the United States."

Guilford upheld the affirmative side of the question and was represented by Mildred Medsker and Janita Graham. The Guilford team is coached by Clyde Rowland. The judges were Robert Burns, pastor of the Christian church, Paul Jones, prosecuting attorney-elect and Rev. Thompson of the South Methodist church.

The College High School has formed a debating team for this year. Frank Taylor is the coach of both teams. The affirmative team is made up of Wilbur Heekin and Dorothy Glenn. Both teams went to Fairfax last week and debated the teams at that place. Fairfax won both contests.

Ready for Santa

The decorations in the west library and on the first floor at the library entrance help to create a very Christmas-like atmosphere. Green and red, the Christmas colors, have been arranged in a pleasing and artistic manner. The little Christmas tree in the hall and the one at the north end of the library, lighted with the little colored electric lights, are very pretty. The rooms in the training school have some pretty decorations also.

H. L. Raines Back On His Old Job

H. L. Raines, proprietor of the Raines Jewelry Store will begin his thirteenth year as time-keeper at the College basketball games when he keeps time for the Maryville-Cape Girardeau game here January 9. In fact, Mr. Raines has been time-keeper for so long that he himself has forgotten just how many years it has been. In the last twelve years the Bearets have played nearly 100 home games. Only a very few of these games Mr. Raines has missed for unavoidable reasons. This means that our official time-keeper has timed basketball teams through more than sixty hours of solid play. In these hours, Mr. Raines has seen the Bearets play and in many cases defeat teams of such caliber as the St. Joseph Hilliards, the Kansas City Athletic Club and the Cook Paints of Kansas City.

Glenn E. Max, of Rosendale, was elected president of the Freshman class last quarter. The other officers who were elected at that time are Vice-president, Catherine Gray; Secretary, Isabel McDaniel; Treasurer, Marion Williams; Sergeant-at-arms, Herman Fischer.

APRONS

Aprons are such intriguing things: It has been so since the world began—An organdy ruffle—a perky bow—May be the undoing of any man.

And who could resist a pink-checked girl In a rose-pink apron when day is done—Spreading her table—and making tea, And watching, star-eyed for some coming one?

Have you seen blue gingham—starched and clean

Deepen the blue in a woman's eyes Until you thought only of blue bird's wings— Or the sea—or the high blue summer skies?

I love white aprons all filmy with lace, The delicate work of some shy young bride, And the dimity ones that old mothers wear

When they sit and nod by the gold fireside.

Aprons are such intriguing things: The blue and the white—and the pink of the dawn

A womanly woman always seems More wholesome and sweet with an apron on.

—Grace Noll Crowell.

Italy Offers Prizes to American Seniors

Five gold medals, each accompanied by a gift of \$100, will be awarded for the five best graduation theses presented by American seniors on the economic life of Italy. The subjects proposed include: trade, industry, agriculture, finance, merchant marine, railroads, public works, hydroelectric plants, land reclamation, economic activities of Italy's possessions, and problems of export to the United States. Essays must be in by April 15, 1929. For further information apply to the Italian Chamber of Commerce, 27 Cleveland Place, New York City.

—Christian Association.

John's taking his M. D. degree now. I s'pose that's the only way he'd get it; they wouldn't give it to him!

Professor (to fast failing feminine student): You will have to have a conference with me some time this week. Your work lately has been awfully poor.

Popular Co-ed (who believes in getting her man): Will Saturday do? That is the only night I can get a late permit.

"Why did you refuse to loan that book to Mrs. Cooper?"

"I heard you say that her husband is a bookkeeper."

The Best Policy.

Mrs. Mose Johnson, whose martial path was anything but smooth, walked into an insurance office and inquired, "Does you-all hab any of dat fire insurance heah?"

"We do," a clerk replied. "What do you want insured?"

"Mah husband," was the reply.

"Then you don't want fire insurance," smiled the clerk, as he reached for another application form. "What you want is a life insurance policy."

"No, Ah don't!" Mrs. Johnson exclaimed. "Ah wants fire insurance. Dat nigger's been fired fo' times in de las' two weeks."

"I believe 'this school is haunted.'"

"Why?"

"They are always talking about the school spirit."

Have you heard about the Scotchman who gave his wife a pair of rubber heels when she begged him for a new spring outfit?

"I can speak any language but Greek."

"Say something in Russian."

"That's Greek to me."

"Why did you turn me down at first last night?"

"I wanted to test you."

"But suppose I'd rushed out and left you without a word."

"I was confident you wouldn't do that. I had locked the door."

"How fast does your car run?"

"Well, it manages to keep about six months ahead of my income."

Scot: Wha' dae ye charge for a haircut?

Barber: Eight pence, sir.

Scot: An' hoo' muckle for a shave?

Barber: Four pence, sir.

Scot: Then gie ma head a shave!

Olive: Why can't lightning strike the front end of a street car?

Oiled: Because the motorman's a non-conductor.

Son: Well, Dad, now that I'm through college, what shall I do?

Dad: You might marry the cook so she can't leave for a while.

Good manners, good breeding and refinement are seen by a social authority as among the most beautiful and useful and worth-while things in the world.

Many a chap who keeps his nose to the grindstone would be better off if he used it to sharpen his wits.

"Got a new suit?"

"Naw. This is my roommate's new suit. I'm breaking it in for him."

Visitor: Do you midshipmen have to work long hours?

Mid'n: No, everything here is regulation—just sixty minutes each, ma'am.

Don't lean over backwards in your attempts to be fair. It may only prove that you have a rubber spine.

New Dictionary

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period." To be certain of a date by which his dictionary will be fairly begun or ended has been "the lie in the soul" of many a lexicographer.

To contain the materials on which the Dictionary would be based, Coleridge had a set of pigeon-holes made (which is still in existence), capable of holding about 60,000 slips at most. As many as this were ultimately required for even one of the minor letters of the alphabet. Coleridge died in April, 1861, and the task of continuing the Dictionary fell upon Furnivall, who saw clearly that the first thing necessary was to continue the collection of material.

While he was pressing on with this, and enlisting the services of volunteer sub-editors, the Dictionary practically disappeared from the activities of the Philological Society. At different times the secretary of the Society would mention the Dictionary in his annual report but this was about all that was heard of the making of this tremendous piece of work.

The reports made to the Society during the years from 1880 to 1884 contain much interesting information, and give some idea of the immense task involved in organizing the further necessary collection of material, and in preparing, at the same time, the articles for the opening section of the Dictionary. Unsparring hard work on Dr. Murray's part, willing aid from contributors in this country and elsewhere, triumphed over all difficulties, and on May 19, 1882 he was able to announce: "The great fact . . . is, that the Dictionary is now at last really launched, and that some forty pages are in type, of which forty-eight columns have reached me in proof." Compare this statement with that of Coleridge and you will see that the editors were just beginning to see that the book they were to form would take a long time to edit and would become not one book, but many. From 1880 until 1884 the book made steady progress and the first part was published in February, 1884. So we see that this unvisioned piece of work was to develop from a book edited in one year to a set of books, twenty to be exact, each book containing one half of a volume. Today the English-speaking nations acclaim this set as the greatest Dictionary ever produced.

It might be well to name the contributors to this book along with the editors. Scores of contributors cannot

be named because of lack of space. The editors have been named. Herbert Coleridge was appointed editor in November, 1859. Frederick James Furnivall was elected to the editorship in 1825 on the death of Coleridge. In 1910 Dr. James Murray ascended to the editor's chair and from the date of his arrival in this position until his death in 1915 a steady stream of work flowed from his desk to the printer. Henry Bradley, William Craigie, and Charles Talbot Onions finished the work and in 1928 the greatest of all English dictionaries made its appearance. There were many volunteers to aid the editors and every English-speaking nation gave valuable information to the making up of so profound a masterpiece. Several well known professors and men of letters in the United States edited the poetry section.

Some would like to know what this book includes that other dictionaries have left out. The three leading Dictionaries before the appearance of this

one were the Johnson's Dictionary, Cassell's Encyclopedia, and the Century. The Century, which is the largest, has 28,457 words recorded from Te-Z, while the Oxford has 61,055. Words illustrated by quotations in the Century number 10,739, with 50,463 in the Oxford. Number of illustrative quotations in the Century are 24,249 with 279,761 in the Oxford. By these figures can be seen the great improvement over any other English dictionary.

In a certain London hotel the manager was one day angered to see the "Boots" cleaning a pair of shoes just outside a bedroom door.

"Haven't I told you that all boots must be cleaned downstairs?" he thundered.

"Yes, sir."

"Then why—"

"Because he man in this room is a Scot, sir. He's t'other side of the door, hanging tight to the shoe laces."



Merry Christmas From----

What can give you a bigger thrill than to receive a Christmas package and you know it was purchased in—

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The coming of the Christmas Season again gives us the opportunity to wish you all the joys of the Holidays, and health, peace, and prosperity through 1929.

To that wish we want to add an appreciation of your pleasant business relations with us through the past year and to express our intention to merit a continuance of these relations through the years to come.

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The Stroller

By 1111

Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring the Stroller something nice. He has been just awful good this year. He has not told a single joke she ought not to. She has not made anybody mad. Everybody has enjoyed seeing his or her name in the Stroller's column. Even Mr. Phillips has been wondering why the stroller refrained from telling what Dick Lamkin, aged two, said about him.

Dick's father had taken him down to the barber shop to have a hair-cut. When Mr. Phillips came in and got into the chair, Dick looked at Mr. Phillips' head and said, "Daddy, what's he getting into the chair for?" Dick's father thinks Dick is a pretty bright boy.

Now, Santa, the Stroller has been wondering if he ought to print a letter he found yesterday. It was from a Sigma Tau Gamma pledge to his girl. Perhaps he had better send it to you before he prints it, for he would hate to do anything wrong as near as Christmas is. He would hate to miss getting anything in his stocking. He won't tell even in who wrote it, tho; for it might mean a paddling to some pledge.

Here is the letter just as he found it: "With trembling and awe, the victims awaited the approach of Tuesday night, December 11. Who were the victims? They were the helpless pledges of the Sigma Tau Gamma fraternity. Why did they tremble and stand in awe? Ah, the fateful period of their fraternal apprenticeship drew near. At seven o'clock p. m. Thursday, December 11, 1923, 'Hell-Week' began for this group of pledges. As a stargazer scans the firmament and asks, 'What does the future hold for me?' so did these helpless creatures gaze at Orville Hodges, chairman of the committee on Hell-Week, and wonder what the future held for them. A heartless answer might well have been, 'Plenty.'

"The old members withdrew for council. During this time the pledges were held in a room where escape was impossible. Here they were held until one by one they had all been assigned their duties.

"Three had been taken before the council and then I heard the tread of feet approaching the door of our room. It was time for another pledge to appear before the council—Oh, I was that pledge. With my heart throbbing wildly, I was lead down the stairs to the council room, then inside and face to face with my fate for the next week. The president addressed me and commanded me never to say 'can't,' in fact looking back when I am in a calmer state, I believe he said there would be no such word in my vocabulary for the ensuing week. After this drastic command, I was ordered about face to receive further instructions regarding my coming activities. The duties were as follows:

It is quite necessary that each pledge wear patched trousers, the patches being eight in number and each a different color. (I almost drove a kind saleslady frantic, buying four inch strips of cloth of each color with which to make patches. Others utilized old neckties, cap linings, etc. Old members considered it great sport to watch the pledges sew on the patches).

We must carry a paddle with the Sigma Tau Gamma letters on it. (The purpose of these paddles was clearly stated by one bright pledge in this manner, 'for external use only.')

It was very dangerous to accept car rides; walking promotes good health and the fraternity is desirous of healthy members. This action was also a precautionary measure against the prevailing epidemic of flu.

To comb the hair or put oil thereon would be a rank misdemeanor; likewise to shave, have the hair cut, or shoes shined.

Pant-legs were to be worn inside the sock tops—why, I cannot guess.

We could not wear our street clothes in the house for when indoors the colorfully-patched trousers were more appealing to the artistic temperament.

The basement door was to be our place of exit and we must make change of clothes in the basement.

Smiling was a waste of energy and therefore we were to carry an onion, a bit of which was the penalty for smiling. (We didn't kick—it might have been garlic.)

All must carry a sack of 'Bull Durham' tobacco and cigarette papers in case an old member chose to smoke.

We were to shine shoes, when requested to do so. A broken rule brought an application of the paddle, and how!

"Of course there were special duties to be assigned later. One came immediately. Each pledge appeared upon the stage of the Missouri theatre and allowed himself to be hypnotized by a hypnotic entertainer who was then performing in town. The star of this performance was Ora 'Red' Mullenau. 'Red' did splendid work at winning a horse race under the direction of the entertainer.

"Thereafter life was a series of standard and special duties mixed with going to bed and getting up at any time the hands of a clock could locate,

plenty of fresh onions, and various other forms of entertainment. My favorite place of amusement from 3:00 o'clock a. m. until 4:30 a. m. was in a grave yard looking for an inscription, 'He likes it.'

"The pledges were Pierce Tilley, Bethany; Franklin Loueks, Mound City; Frank Moore, Excelsior Springs; John Johnson, Maryville; Carl Massie, McFall; Ora Mullenau, Coffey; Albert Mix, Osborn, and Wilbur Staleup, Oregon.

Altho the Stroller did not know there had been a circus in town recently, he has heard it rumored from various sources that there is a wild animal at large on the streets and in the chicken houses of Maryville. The ravages of this prowler are said to have become so violent as to make numerous calls for assistance necessary. The Stroller saw several small boys Saturday who said they had seen fresh wolf tracks in the west part of town. Any further information should be given to members of the Sigma Tau Gamma fraternity. That organization is very desirous of having the public's peace of mind restored.

The Stroller wants a lot of things this year. Won't you please bring Martha Herridge a slide? The book chute is in such an inconvenient place. Bring a new set of stair-steps to put in social hall. They might entice a certain group of boys up there—the boys who have a fondness for the main stair-steps.

Please bring the faculty a good supply of 'E's' to be given out this quarter. Bring the basketball team success. Bring the debaters all the decisions. Bring the Tower staff plenty of snap-shots. Bring the Northwest Missourian staff heaps of news.

Bring everybody happiness and success for the new year of 1924 that will be here when we all get back after Christmas.

Yours truly,
The Stroller.

Grade School Gives Interesting Pageant

The Elementary School of the College presented a Christmas program, Wednesday, December 19, at 2:20 in the College Auditorium. The program was as follows:

Processional—O, Come All Ye Faithful. Christmas Carols—The First Noel, and Silent Night.

Bible Story—Luke 2:1-20—Frances Mary Doughty.

Christmas Story—"A Christmas Gift"—Mary Edna Lauber.

Rhythm Orchestra—Fife and Drum March, and Rustic Dance—Primary Department.

Dramatization of Miss Muffet's Christmas Party by Intermediate Grades.

The dramatization was in three acts the first scene being in the living room of Miss Muffet's home, the night before Christmas. Act two took place just outside of Miss Muffet's home with the guests approaching. Act three was the scene of the party.

Christmas Play—"Santa Claus and His Brownies" presented by the Primary Grades.

In the first scene the four children were before the fireplace talking of Santa Claus. They fall asleep and the fairies and brownies came with wreaths and a tree to decorate the room for Santa. They danced and frolicked until Santa's sleigh bells were heard. Santa arrived with his toys for the children and as they were distributed the children did their dances. The Tin Soldier, Big Stick of Candy, the Doll and the Clown, all did their own dance and then resumed their natural positions. The children awoke to find that Santa had brought just what they wanted. The finale was the song "Jingle Bells," sung by all the children.

The fairies were dressed in white tutu ball costumes, trimmed in Christmas tree tinsel. They carried wands of bright tinsel. The brownies were dressed in brown costumes trimmed in little bells. Each of the toys were dressed to represent their kind. While waiting for Santa Claus the brownies did cart wheels, hand stands and various stunts.

The fairies were: Betty Chaves, Anna Belle Withington, Charlotte Withington, Dorothy Lee Montgomery, Barbara Jean Dwar, Josephine Powell, Mary Louise Hartness, Dorothy Mohus, Mary Margaret Phares, and Ruth Floxior.

The brownies were: Charles Bellows, Roy Kinnaird, Bobby Studer, Ermin Byrd, Bill Phares, Bill Martin, John Hartness, Kenneth Dempsey, J. H. Spencer, and Harrison Mutz.

The children at the fire: Billy Dewar, Verla Higgins, Mary Ruth New, and Robert Powell.

Big Stick Candy, Ella Higgins; Doll, Marjorie Ann Rupe; Clown, Archie Higgins; Tin Soldier, Winston Wells; Santa Claus, Paul Scott.

The dances were coached by Miss Martindale of the Physical Education Department. Miss Smith, Miss Keith and Miss Millikan planned and presented the program. Armina Wilson was the pianist.

Life in an apartment house is only a life in layers says a tenement dweller.

Residence Hall has A Homey Atmosphere

A jolly atmosphere radiates from the meek thought of it. How we enjoy the popcorn parties, spreads, and gay companionships. It is thrilling to steal into one of the rooms in the dormitory for an evening chat where bright curtains flutter at the windows and a glimpse thru French doors shows two inviting beds covered with white spreads. Here the clusters of rose on the white grounds of the curtains, bring out the charm of the window.

Up the hall is a neat, attractive room which one of its owners proudly asserts is the best in the house and we are almost inclined to agree with her. Here Vera Smith and Martha Herridge are at home and one may easily detect that they find it quite pleasant. A Japanese calendar, a sorority pennant and a beaunt plaque hang on the walls. Cushions and pillows are discovered in comfy places and everything harmonizes with the predominating rose and tan.

Down the stairs we go. We enter a large cheerful room, in which one would find it difficult if not impossible to be homesick. Thesis Norwine and Nettie Price make us quite at home here. Again gay-flowered prints contribute to the cheery atmosphere. Bright colored blankets cover the beds and cushions are thrown carelessly about. On the study tables is a very unique lamp. The rose shade is carried by a bronze elephant which appears to be guarding the room.

Down in room 103 Violette Hunter offers us chocolates and we are told that "Hobby" is contemplating the six foot drop to the ground to meet "Zip" when they elope.

Enticing odors greet our noses as we draw near to the kitchenette. We peep in and Thelma Robertson offers us some crispy, buttered popcorn.

Down the hall we enter the cool dignified parlor with its old ivory woodwork and huge open fireplace which lends a homelike glow and reflects its warmth in many attractive mirrors. Quiet shades of taupe in the soft deep carpet harmonize with the blue velvet curtains. A grand piano and the orthophonic hint at the pleasant after dinner hour which is given over to dancing, bridge, and visiting. Adjoining the parlor is the office in which Mrs. Gardner, social advisor and Miss Reckmeyer, manager of the cafeteria, are to be found. Perhaps it would be more delightful on this visit to go up the stairs to the solarium where divans and easy chairs invite us. In this room many groups of girls meet to listen to the radio, dance, read and chat. This room is a universal favorite with all of the girls for small social gatherings and general good times.

Formal Initiation Held by Sigma Tau

Seven pledges were formally initiated and became full-fledged members of the Theta Chapter of Sigma Tau Gamma Fraternity Tuesday night. The consist of men which are suited for practically every type of student activity. The following men are the ones formally initiated: Franklin Loueks, Mound City; Ora Mullenau, Coffey; Carl Massie, McFall; Pierce Tilley, Bethany; Albert Mix, Osborn; Frank Moore, Excelsior Springs; Wilbur Staleup, Oregon.

Several of the older members of the fraternity who are in school elsewhere or in business at various places were at the Fraternity house Tuesday night for a short time.

Vacationing Time for the Faculty

Most of the faculty have definite plans for their Christmas Holidays. Some will be out of town spending the time with relatives, while others will remain in Maryville during vacation. A few are undecided as to what they will do.

Miss Lair, instructor of French and Spanish, had planned to spend the holidays with her parents in the east and in New York and Pittsburgh, but since the recent epidemic of flu, is undecided. The Christmas holidays will be spent by Mr. Wilson in Maryville.

Mr. Hake, professor of physics, will probably spend Christmas vacation at his home in Maryville.

Miss Painter will remain in Maryville during the holidays.

Mr. Mounce will be with his parents in Chillicothe during the Christmas holidays.

Mr. Mohus had intended to spend Christmas vacation at the home of his parents in Minnesota, but due to the condition of the roads has decided to remain in Maryville.

Mr. Rickenbrock will remain in Maryville during the holidays.

The Christmas holidays will be spent by Mr. Crawford in Detroit. While there he will attend the National Commercial Teachers Federation.

Mr. Garrett will be with his parents in Fulton during the holidays. Miss Katherine Franken and sister

Miss Margaret will spend Christmas with their mother, Mrs. S. A. Franken of Norborne, Missouri.

Mr. Whiffen will spend the holidays with his parents in Topeka, Kansas.

Miss Holwig will remain in Maryville over Christmas vacation.

Mr. Dildine will spend his Christmas vacation at his home in Maryville.

Miss Bowman will spend Christmas vacation visiting with relatives in St. Joseph and with her parents Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Bowman in Wathena, Kansas.

Mr. Cuffield will spend the holidays at home in Maryville.

Social Director of Residence Hall, Mrs. Gardner, will visit with her family in Macomb, Illinois.

Miss Vida Reckmeyer, manager of the College Cafeteria, will visit her parents Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Reckmeyer in Osceola, Nebraska.

Miss Criswell will visit in Mound City with her parents Mr. and Mrs. George S. Criswell.

Miss Barnard, Dean of Women, will visit her sister Mrs. Tenant in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Mrs. Tenant will be remembered by many in Maryville as she was here two years ago for a few months. Miss Barnard will visit another sister, Miss Anna Barnard, head of the Department of Foreign Languages in the Teachers' College at Mt. Pleasant, Michigan.

Mr. Dieterich and family will go to Macoline, Missouri to visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Dieterich. Mr. Cook, head of Social Science Department, will spend the vacation at home with his family.

Mr. Bert Cooper and wife will spend a part of the holidays on his farm at Sheridan, Missouri.

Miss Nell Hudson will stay in Maryville during the Christmas vacation.

Mr. Holdridge will go to his home in Foley, Minnesota for the Christmas vacation. He will also spend part of the time in Chicago.

Sigma Sigma Sigma Has Carpet Rags

Sigma Sigma Sigma is well supplied with carpet rags. Each pledge was required to donate five pounds all cut, served, and rolled. So the Tri Sigs have rolls and rolls of carpet rags hidden away somewhere—we aren't certain of the place but we'll find out after Christmas. Then a dyeing party will be in order and our bright spirits will be reproduced in colors equally bright. No doubt our hands will reflect these colors, too. When all the rags are dyed then they will be woven into colorful and pleasing rugs. May these rugs lend a glow of brightness to those who see them and give special joy to all future Tri Sigs.

Wherever Tri Sigs are going to spend the Christmas holidays it is safe to say that some where in the back of their minds will be the thought of carpet rags, thoughts of initiation, of the full and happy days just past, and of those to come.

HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

Eleven students in the College High School made better than an 'S' average in all subjects during the fall quarter. Of this number two students, Hazel Gates and Lois Barrett, both Freshmen, 'E' in every subject. Leona Mae Shell, a Sophomore, and Helen Elliott, a Senior, each made four 'E's' and an 'S'.

In addition to the students mentioned, seven others made grades worthy of mention. Ted Breedlove, a senior, made three 'E's' and two 'S's. Wilbur Heckin, also a Senior, made three 'E's' and an 'S'. Richard Barrett made two 'E's' and two 'S's. Mary Dougan made 3 'S's' and an 'E'. Both students are Juniors. Three Sophomores, Retha Payne Logan, Wilma Lewis, and Jessie Lewis, and Jessie Snodderly each made three 'S's' and an 'E'.

The Day

"The day will bring some lovely thing," I say it over each new dawn: "Some gay, adventurous thing to hold Against my heart when it is gone," And so I rise and go to meet The day with wings upon my feet.

I come upon it unawares— Some sudden beauty without name: A snatch of song—a breath of pine— A poem lit with golden flame; Illight tangled bird notes—keenly thinned— Like flying color on the wind.

No day has ever failed me quite: Before the gravest day is done I find some misty purple bloom, Or a late line of crimson sun. Each night I pause—remembering— Some gay, adventurous, lovely thing. —Grace Noll Crowell.

Over \$800 worth of equipment was received in the biology department the first of the week. The allotment consists of eleven new microscopes, which add very much to the value of the laboratory equipment.

FACTORY HOST TO STUDENTS

Following the annual custom, the faculty entertained the students of the College with a Christmas party given in the west library Wednesday, December 18, from 7:30 till 10:00 o'clock. After the dance, the Christmas tree was unloaded of its gifts, which were given by the guests. Refreshments consisting of eskimo pies were served about 9:30.

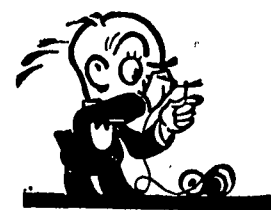
Dean Barnard, assisted by the other members of the faculty planned the party.

SILVER IN THE SUN

As I look back the old remembered ways— Some hours shine out like silver in the sun: A spangled brightness, lighting up the days, And marking them with beauty, one by one. Some swift brief space of time, remembered still: The green-gold ecstasy of one far June; An hour of glory on a wind-swept hill; A night where locust branches sprayed the moon. . . .

Yet as I lived them—strange I did not know Which hours were destined thus to live and shine, And, which among the countless ones

would grow To be peculiarly, forever mine. If I but wait—perhaps this hour will be Like silver in the sun, someday—to me. —Grace Noll Crowell.



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